



**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first paragraph beginning on line 2, insert the following new subheading (centered):

**Background of the Invention**

Page 2, delete the paragraph on lines 37 and 38 and replace them with the following new subheading (centered) and new paragraph:

**Summary of the Invention**

A coupling for resilient interconnection of two objects, especially a wheel axle housing and a chassis of a vehicle is provided, comprising an internal coupling device comprising a supporting piece, which extends in an axial direction and has an axial supporting piece portion, a rubber-elastic element, which is arranged around the supporting piece portion and has an axially extending outer surface and two substantially radially extending end surfaces, and an external coupling device comprising two, approximately cup-shaped abutment members with a tubular wall portion and a bottom portion defining an inner portion of the abutment member, where each wall portion has an inner surface arranged to extend along and radially outside respective end portions of the outer surface of the element, the end of the wall portion facing away from the bottom has an end surface, and an inside of each bottom portion facing the inner portion of the abutment member are each arranged to abut against an end surface of the element for axial compression thereof, while the abutment members are pushed towards each other, characterized in that between the wall portions and the element an axially extending sleeve is mounted for relative centering of the abutment

members and for counteracting the penetration of portions of the element between the end surfaces of the wall portions during the axial compression of the element.

Page 3, delete the paragraph on lines 1-3 and replace them with the following new subheading (centered) and new paragraphs:

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a conventional coupling for interconnecting a wheel axle housing and a chassis.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the coupling.

Page 3, before the paragraph beginning on line 26, insert the following new subheading (centered) and new paragraph:

#### Detailed Description of the Invention

The invention will now be described in greater detail with reference to Figs. 3-9, which schematically illustrate embodiments of the coupling according to the invention.

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

For the different ~~embodiment~~ embodiments of the coupling according to the invention, identical reference numerals are employed for corresponding components and portions.